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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 26TH 1909.

THE controversy over the Faku-men railway project in Manchuria has now been actively carried on for something like eighteen months, and it does not appear that there is any early prospect of a settlement being reached. Japan's right to object to the Chinese Government's projected line from Faku-men which runs for about fifty miles parallel to the South Manchurian railway is based on an agreement with China. The subject seems to have excited an extraordinary amount of interest in the British Press, and there has been singular unanimity in condemning Japan's opposition to the project as a breach of faith with the Powers in the matter of her engagement to maintain the "open door" principle in Manchuria. Quite recently the Times has declared Japan's opposition to the new project as "absolutely irreconcilable with the policy of the open door." Japan denies that her action in this matter is inconsistent with the open-door policy, and it is very evident that the British Government is inclined to adopt Japan's view of the matter. In the agreement concluded between Japan and Great Britain in 1905, for "the preservation of the common interests of all Powers in China by insuring the independence and integrity of the Chinese Empire and the principle of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations in China," the two Powers agreed that neither of them would, without consulting the other, enter into separate arrangements with another Power to the

prejudice of the objects described. Four months after this agreement was concluded Japan made a Treaty with China relating to Manchuria, by Art. VII of which the two contracting parties agreed "to make arrangements as soon as possible for connecting the service of railways in South Manchuria, and those in China proper, in order to promote and facilitate the transport of goods." But in addition to this agreement, which was published for the information of the world, there was a protocol which was not published. In accordance with the terms of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, however, a copy of it was communicated to the British Government, and Sir EDWARD GREY last year communicated to the House of Commons the text of the clause of the protocol by which Japan claims the right of vetoing the construction of the Haimintun-Faku-men railway. It runs as follows: "The Chinese Government engage, for the purpose of protecting the interest of the South Manchurian railway, not to construct, prior to the recovery by them of the said railway, any main line in the neighbourhood of and parallel to that railway, or any branch line which might be prejudicial to the interest of the above-mentioned railway." If the British Government had regarded that clause as being inconsistent with the open-door policy, surely it would have said so when the copy of the Protocol was communicated to the Foreign Office. We must assume that the Government did not regard the clause as at variance with Japan's declared adhesion to the open-door policy; and there is no indication that the Government has been converted to the view of the Newchwang Chamber of Commerce. LORD RONALDSHAY in some observations on this subject in his recently published book, points out that the South Manchurian railway is "the sole material return which Japan has to balance the loss of £20,000,000 and 85,000 lives," and while he advocates the submission of the Faku-men railway question to arbitration he, nevertheless, fails, as we do, to see anything reprehensible in her endeavouring to safeguard, by diplomacy, the single material return which she has to show for the misery and carnage of eighteen months' war. "No other country in the world," Lord RONALDSHAY pertinently remarks, "would fail to make every endeavour to obtain in return every advantage which political or diplomatic exigencies allowed." Some months ago Sir EDWARD GREY said it was open to the contractors to prove, if they could do so, to the satisfaction of Japan, that the proposed railway would not prejudice the South Manchurian Line, and so would not violate the agreement. They have not succeeded in doing so, and Japan, our Tokyo correspondent informed us, has no intention of departing from the attitude she has taken up. If this means that Japan is open to conviction that the projected railway will not be prejudicial to the interests of the South Manchurian railway, she could well afford to say: "We are prepared to accept on this point the judgment of an independent and impartial committee." As it concerns but fifty miles of railway the whole question could be settled within a week. There seems indeed no other way of settling the matter in a manner which, in the eyes of the world, will redound to Japan's credit, for insistence on the letter of an agreement maintained for two years as a secret has naturally tended to excite suspicion and to alienate sympathy. We share the view that it would surely be to the advantage of Japan to make a graceful concession, to waive the letter of the law, and to offer to submit the matter to arbitration.

The Flower Show opens to-day at the Botanic Gardens.

The German mail of the 27th January was delivered in London on the 24th inst.

Mr. F. H. Mohler, who arrived in the Colony, this week, is to act as secretary for the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Three cases of plague were notified yesterday—all from the Kowloon side, one being in Kowloon City and the others in Tsingshan.

The Ordinance providing for regulations to prohibit spitting in public places in the Colony passed its third reading yesterday, and became law. The Chinese members recorded their dissent.

H.E. the Governor of Macao is paying an official visit to Hongkong to-day. This afternoon the Portuguese Community held a reception in honour of Senhor Recadas at the Lusitano Club.

Interesting judgments were given yesterday by the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge who quashed two convictions for manslaughter on the ground that the evidence given at the trial had not been translated to the prisoners.

Yesterday an Ordinance was introduced in the Legislative Council to regularise the reclamation which has taken place at Hung Hom Bay for the railway and to give power to the Governor to carry out works of reclamation.

At the Magistracy yesterday the soldier named Stephens who was accused of stealing \$1.50 in copper cents from a tram car and who, on being searched by the police, was found to have \$1.45 in copper in his pockets, was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

Inquiries have been made in the Colony of late as to the consistency or otherwise of the police authorities in rigorously carrying out the law against gambling and at the same time allowing the bagatelle tables to grow in number throughout the city. These tables have become very popular among the gambling Chinese.

Two men who were convicted of stealing nineteen hides were at the Magistracy yesterday sentenced to six months' imprisonment each. Apparently they had climbed the roof of a latrine, got on to the roof of a house, walked over several others till they came to the yard where the hides were lying. One was lowered into the yard, a depth of fifty feet, but unfortunately for them the police arrived on the scene at this juncture. The man at the top bolted, leaving his companion, but he was arrested later.

When the decision of the Full Court was given in the Peak Murder trial yesterday quashing the verdict of the jury, the prisoners left the dock and sat down in the body of the court. Before the Chief Justice left the bench he drew attention to another irregularity. The prisoners had not been told that they were discharged, and the Court interpreter was instructed to inform them. When he told them that they were liberated they passed out of the Court, but were re-arrested before they left the precincts of the Court.

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AN EVENING WITH LONGFELLOW.

At the weekly meeting of the Union Church Literary Society last evening Dr. Amos P. Wilder lectured on Longfellow. In the course of his remarks Dr. Wilder said:—

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was a poet of the people, like Whittier, but unlike him he was highly cultivated, of a family of prominence. While Whittier was a poet of action, notably in the anti-slavery agitation, Longfellow contributed a few poems in the cause and showed his colours manfully, but stopped there. His career was purely literary. He died in 1882 at the age of 75—his life, like his nature, being peaceful, gentle, contemplative, dignified. He was a classmate of Hawthorne at a Maine college. Graduating at 19, he went to Europe for three years to study languages; he taught for three years at his old college; then continued his studies in Europe (where his first wife died); and returned to enter upon a term of eighteen years as professor of modern languages at Harvard. He was the master of ten languages. From his resignation (1854) to the time of his death he lived on in Cambridge, the seat of Harvard, a neighbour of Holmes and Lowell, with Emerson, Whittier and Thoreau not far away. His second wife died in 1861—his verses to her "The Cross of Snow" referring to the tragedy of her end—"through martyrdom of fire"—were found in his desk after his death. Longfellow is commemorated by a bust in Westminster Abbey, Mr. Lowell, then Minister to England, delivering an address at the occasion.

No American poet is so well known the world over. His poems may be found in nineteen languages. He is a "much quoted" poet: one has but to mention "Evangeline," "Hiawatha," "Miles Standish," "Tales of a Wayside Inn," "Village Blacksmith," "The Bridge," "Excelsior," "The Arrow and the Song," "Stars of the Summer Night," "The Wreck of the Hesperus," "I know a maid fair to see"; "There is no flock, however watched and tended," "The Building of the Ship," to realise how Longfellow's poetry has entered into the thought of the people. His style is simple, reflecting the thoughts of all. It is true enough that there is not the drastic earnestness of Whittier, nor the higher flights of Tennyson, nor the profundity of Browning. It has been said that readers "graduate" from him to the enjoyment of the two last named.

Longfellow was the first American poet to secure large recognition; with Irving he first commanded respect for American literature abroad. Bryant preceded him, and Cooper in prose is not to be forgotten. Poe struck an early response especially from France; N. P. Willis and Percival are fading in America. Hawthorne is a personality on both sides of the water. Longfellow's first efforts reflected his European thought and experience. Apart from compilations of literature, his prose works are "Outre-mer," "Hyperion" and "Kavanaugh." "Outre-mer" is good but shows imitation of Irving's "Sketchbook"; "Hyperion" is still sold in Heidelberg as a guide book and exemplar of German philosophy of the time (the early thirties); and Miss Wilkins and others pictured of New England village life have superseded "Kavanaugh." But it was in finding poetic themes in his own country that Longfellow was to do his best work. The early life and traditions of New England over had a charm for him and his success in "Evangeline" and "Hiawatha," "Tales of a Wayside Inn" and "Miles Standish" called an infinite number of native poets away from foreign songs which they could never sing. As one observer says, "They stopped telling of skylarks and nightingales which they had never seen and told of bobolinks and bumble bees which they knew all but."

Selections from Longfellow were read by Miss Ethel Rowe, Mr. C. H. Hilditch and Mr. John Robertson, while Mrs. W. Stanley Allen contributed a number of musical items.

TELEGRAMS.

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PROMINENT FOREIGNER'S DEATH IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, February 25th.
The death is announced of Mr. James Walter, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Sibir, Wolff and Co. of Zurich and Yokohama.

[Deceased was for some time chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in the last mentioned city, president of St. George's Society, and vice-president of the Japan branch of the British Navy League.]

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CANADA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, February 24th.

An Ottawa dispatch states that in the Dominion House of Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared the criticisms which had been passed upon Canada's Treaty with Japan were unwarranted. The Treaty had preserved to Canada Japanese trade and Japan had, moreover, loyally carried out the restrictions placed by the Treaty on the immigration of Japanese.

THE N. D. L. SUBSIDY.

LONDON, February 24th.

The Reichstag has increased the subsidy to the North German Lloyd for a service to New Guinea by half a million Marks.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

LONDON, February 24th.

Peace or war seems mainly dependent on the amount of pressure exercised on Belgrade by the Powers. It is thought in some quarters that the Servian Government will gladly avail itself of such pressure to escape an impossible situation.

Reuter learns that the apprehensions on the Balkan situation expressed elsewhere are not shared in London.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, February 25th.

The House of Commons has rejected by 336 votes to 228 an amendment to the Address from the Throne regarding the situation in Ireland.

The House also rejected by 195 votes to 76 an amendment regretting the coercive measures adopted in India.

THE INDIAN REFORMS.

LONDON, February 25th.

The second reading of the India Council's Bill, embodying the reforms recently announced, has been passed in the House of Lords without a division after an important debate in which Lord Curzon was the principal critic.

LOCAL SPORT.

RUGBY.

The following will represent the Club in a Rugby match against the Navy this afternoon, at 5 p.m.: Back, E. L. Shaw; three-quarters, F. G. Carroll, A. A. Claxton, R. E. H. Oliver, A. E. Wood; halves, L. I. Blackburn, and P. Linton; forwards, H. G. C. Bailey, F. C. Hall, W. S. Hone, G. D. McIlraith, F. W. Thickness, E. D. C. Wolfe, H. Buist, A. N. Othor.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 25th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has risen in North China, has fallen very slightly along the South coast.

It has also fallen generally in Japan, more particularly in the South. There is a tendency for pressure to increase over the Philippines. The maximum pressure is still over China to the northward of the Yangtze and moderate N.E. monsoon will prevail generally.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.07 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	Light E. winds, overcast, foggy.
Formosa Channel	Mod't N.E. winds, overcast.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoocks	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL R. G. BROADWOOD, C.B., A.C.D. (General Officer Commanding).

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. W. REES DAVIES, K.C. (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. F. J. BADELEY, (Capt. Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEVETT.

Hon. Mr. H. A. W. SLADE.

Hon. Mr. W. J. GRESSON.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE MONGKOKSUI SHELTER.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report on the proposed boat shelter at Mongkoktsui by Mr. J. F. Boulton. In doing so, he said—I may say that in connection with the paper certain plans have been handed to each member which will help to elucidate the report. The report says that the boat shelter at Mongkoktsui, as designed in the colony, has been practically approved with some slight modifications which entail additional expense, and in order to keep the expenditure within the estimate which Your Excellency calculated, \$1,541.00, the boat shelter has been slightly reduced in area.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial minutes Nos. 1 to 9, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 21) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—Correspondence relating to the transfer to the Government of the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund; Report on the proposed boat-shelter at Mongkoktsui.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS FUND.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—It will be within the recollection of hon. members that, when the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund was under consideration of this Council at the end of last year certain correspondence was laid on the table, including a despatch from the Secretary of State, dated 28th December, 1907. The last paragraph of that despatch says "It is desirable that a valuation should be made in order that the surplus, if any, disclosed by it may be distributed among the beneficiaries of the fund in the shape of increases to the pensions. For this purpose an arbitrary rate of exchange must be assumed for the purposes of the valuation. The exchange value of the dollar has recently fallen from about 2/3 to below 1/10. As the value of the sterling liabilities must be greater than the value of the future sterling contributions, the higher the sterling value assumed for the dollar the more favourable to the fund will be the results of the valuation, and I should be prepared to allow the valuation to be carried out at a rate, not exceeding 2/3, which you and the Legislative Council may consider fair and reasonable." It has been found, Sir, the average rate of exchange for the eleven years 1897 to 1907 inclusive, is just a fraction over 1/10. It is therefore considered that 1/10 would be a fair and reasonable rate to take. Accordingly, Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:—

Resolved that the valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund contemplated under Section 13 of the Widows and Orphans' Pension Ordinance 1908, shall be made at the rate of 1s. 10d. to the dollar.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the resolution was carried.

QUESTION.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK asked the following question:—

Will the Government state what would be approximately the cost of putting up a fixed light to illuminate the South-eastern entrance to the Capsicum Pass?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—In answer to the question I will state that the cost of course depends upon the nature of the light. A light similar to that at Mawan Island would cost \$700.

CHINA'S NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY—It will be within the recollection of the Council that some time ago we passed a resolution of condolence with the Chinese Government on the deaths of the Dowager Empress and the Emperor of China. The Government received from our Minister at Peking the very cordial thanks of the Chinese Government for the sympathy of this Council in the loss which China suffered by the deaths of its rulers. Unfortunately I cannot read the words of the reply as the paper has been mislaid. The general purport of it is, however, as I have stated.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE.

AMENDMENT.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance further to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

RAILWAY RECLAMATION ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorise for public purposes the Reclamation of certain portions of the Crown foreshore and sea bed situate in Hung Hom Bay in the Colony of Hongkong and to validate such reclamation as has heretofore taken place.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Magistrate Ordinance 1890 and to effect certain other amendments in the Criminal Law.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

THE HON. DR. HO KAI—On account of section 6 of this Ordinance empowering the Governor-in-Council to make certain regulations for the prohibition of spitting in public places, I conceive it to be my duty to record my dissent against the third reading of this Bill. I ask that a division may be taken.

HON. MR. WEI YUK—I second that.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Since this Bill passed its second reading and was discussed in committee I have received a petition from a number of Chinese gentlemen and largely signed. It is for the most part a repetition of those arguments adduced in this Council by those members who were opposed to the Bill on account of the section to which the senior unofficial member has referred. The petition puts forward no new argument but reiterates those which have already been debated here. I therefore see no reason to change the opinion to which this Council was committed on the second reading and in committee. The petitioners say that I wish to promote hearty and willing co-operation with the Chinese instead of resorting to compulsion by law. They urged that a process of education should be instituted, a process of persuasion. That process, gentlemen, is one which we propose to adopt and towards which we have already taken steps, and I hope that no other process need ever be required. But I consider that in educating the Chinese upon this important question by issuing circulars, instructing lecturers, posting notices, and taking other means of education it is more likely that these efforts will be effective. If it is known by the people that it has as a last resort the power of enforcing them. I have assured the petitioners that, if regulations need to be framed in the future, they will be framed with care and moderation and that every effort shall be taken to avoid those contingencies which they fear, such as arbitrary arrest or undue interference with the individual, and I hope that these methods of education and co-operation to which I have indicated we are devoting ourselves will have the effect desired without having recourse to the last resort.

On the vote being taken, His EXCELLENCY declared that the ayes had it, but Hon. Dr. Ho Kai called for a division.

The voting then resulted—For the third reading:—Hon. Mr. Hevett, Registrar-General, Director of Public Works, Colonial Treasurer, Attorney-General, Colonial Secretary, and H. E. the General Officer Commanding.

Against:—Hon. Mr. Slade, Hon. Mr. Gresson, Hon. Mr. Pollock, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk and Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

JURY LIST.

The Council then considered the Jury List in camera.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding. The following votes were passed:—

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars (\$450) in aid of the vote, Harbour Master's Department, B.—Mercantile Marine Office.

Personal Emoluments, Over-time Allowance.

POLICE AND PRISON DEPARTMENTS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one hundred and eighty Dollars (\$180) in aid of the vote, Police and Prison Department, A.—Police, Other Charges, Language Study Allowance (Punjab) to Probationer.

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand five hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty cents (\$1,548.40) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, resuming and filling in Fish Pond at Tai Po.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand four hundred Dollars (\$2,400) in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Grants in aid of Scientific Institutions, London School of Tropical Medicine, (\$200).

HARBOUR BUOYS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of six hundred and fifty-four Dollars (\$654) in aid of the vote, Harbour Master's Department, Harbour Office, Special Expenditure, Buoys.

AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one thousand and ninety-two Dollars (\$1,092) in aid of the vote, Audit Department, Other Charges, Share of Home Expenditure (\$29).

SIGNALLING CONTRIBUTION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of ten dollars and forty-seven cents (\$10.47) in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Telegraph Services, Contribution in connection with signalling messages etc., to Observatory, (\$75).

BUILDINGS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of one hundred and eighty Dollars (\$180) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, Buildings, Staff Quarters, Tai Po, Water Service.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of forty-seven dollars (\$47) in aid of the vote, Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, Other Charges, Hansard Reports.

THE PROPOSED BOAT-SHELTER AT MONGKOKTSUI.

The following report, by Mr. J. F. Boulton, on the proposed boat shelter at Mongkoktsui, was yesterday laid before the Legislative Council by command of His Excellency the Governor:

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to submit the following report on my recent conference with Messrs. Coole & Matthews, the Consulting Engineers, with reference to the Proposed Shelter at Mongkoktsui, for the protection of small craft during typhoons. The object of the conference was to obtain an expression of opinion upon the suitability of the proposed shelter and the sufficiency of the proposed breakwater.

To enable the Consulting Engineers to pronounce upon the subject, I supplied them with the following materials and data:—Charts of Hongkong Harbour and surroundings, showing the relative positions of the anchorage and of the proposed shelter; the depth of the water in and adjoining the shelter; the maximum exposure which the breakwater would have to face and the positions of various sea walls which withstood the typhoon of 18th September 1906, and of others which were damaged or demolished by that typhoon. Detail Drawings of the sea wall referred to. Diagrams prepared from Kowloon Observatory, and records showing the daily direction, force, and duration of the wind during a series of years. Tabular statements showing the behaviour of wind during a number of severe typhoons, as registered at the Kowloon Observatory. Information concerning the character of the sea as developed by a typhoon; and concerning the character of the small craft which the shelter is designed to protect. Particulars about the level and nature of the hard bottom overlying deposit on the site of the breakwater. A detail cross section of proposed breakwater, and a specification of the same. A schedule of prices of materials and labour. Information about the location and character of the quarries from which materials are to be drawn for constructing the breakwater; about local methods of work; etc., etc., etc.

The Consulting Engineers were of opinion that, as typhoons mostly begin from the north-east, the position of the shelter, being under the lee of the shore, was well chosen from the point of view of accessibility.

They considered that the breakwater, either with regard to its direction or the extent of the sheltering work contemplated, could not be improved.

But they were of opinion that, unless the widths of the entrances were contracted, the area effectively sheltered by the breakwater would be much and unnecessarily reduced.

The obvious way of contracting the width of the northern entrance was to continue the breakwater northward for some distance; but I had to point out that, if that were done, the contracted entrance would be blocked by the rocky shoal which projects southward from K.M.L. 32 (the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s Oil Works). The best way, therefore, and ultimately the most economical way, of narrowing the entrance would be to adhere to the position originally chosen for the north head of the breakwater, and extend the Oil Works point of land southward, by reclaiming the rocky shoal. I reckoned that the saleable value of the area reclaimed would go a long way towards defraying the cost of carrying out the reclamation.

The southern entrance could easily be narrowed by curving in the south end of the breakwater sharply towards the shore; but I suggested that it would be preferable to adhere to the original plan entirely, as far as the breakwater was concerned, and narrow the southern entrance by building out a jetty from the shore, in line with Sixth Street. The jetty would be very useful as a public landing place, and the reduced entrance would occupy a position where vessels could easily make it without having to hug the shore.

The Consulting Engineers approved of these suggestions and recommended that the widths of the entrances should be reduced accordingly—the northern entrance from 900 feet to 500 feet, and the southern one from 840 feet to 390 feet. They considered that these widths would be quite sufficient for the traffic, and for the promotion of such a circulation of water within the sheltered area as would prevent stagnation and the serious deposit of silt. These opinions were based on the information which I was able to give regarding the nature of the traffic, and the strength and direction of the tidal currents.

With reference to the form of the breakwater, while approving of the general character of the original design, the Consulting Engineers were of opinion that certain alterations, which they considered of importance, should be made in the details. They recommended that the slopes should be flattened; that a wide berm of five-ton boulders should be substituted for the ramp of ten-ton concrete blocks; and that the upper portion of the outer slope, which was originally intended to be covered with concrete in mass, faced with granite pitching set in cement mortar, should simply be covered with pitching (consisting of two-ton concrete blocks set dry). The inner slope should be covered with dry stone pitching, in accordance with the original design; and the sites and distribution of the materials in the rubble mound should, in the main, be in accordance with that design.

The Consulting Engineers entirely concurred in believing it to be necessary that a trench should be dredged in the mud for the purpose of reducing the internal spreading of the foundation, as the rubble is deposited.

Having regard to the nature of the bottom on which the breakwater has to be constructed, and the character of the local labour and materials available, the Consulting Engineers had no doubt that a rubble mound structure, such as I proposed, was the proper and most suitable one to adopt. It is true that during the construction of such a

breakwater its unfinished parts would be liable to damage from typhoons; but this unavoidable disadvantage would be more than compensated by the economy and convenience resulting from the adoption of a form of structure largely independent of skilled labour, and for which but comparatively little special plant and appliances would be required. The section recommended would also admit of the convenient rectification of such settlements of the work as would inevitably occur during construction and for some time after completion.

The complete scheme for the Boat-Shelter, as modified by the Consulting Engineers, was estimated to cost roughly \$273,000 in excess of the estimate for the original scheme. The excess was due to the additional works which were recommended to be carried out at the entrances, the cost of the breakwater as modified being estimated to be practically equal to the same as designed. But, as His Excellency the Governor had laid it down that no scheme could be accepted which would exceed in cost the amount of my estimate, namely \$1,540,000, and as the Consulting Engineers considered that the additional works were absolutely essential, and that no cheaper type of breakwater could be devised, it became necessary to reduce the cost of the scheme by curtailing the length of the breakwater, and the area of the shelter.

Accordingly the Consulting Engineers, in collaboration with myself, prepared a plan of a smaller scheme, which we roughly estimated could be carried out for the amount of the estimate. The alteration consists of shifting the southern entrance 800 feet northwards, thus shortening the breakwater, which is carried in to suit the new position of that entrance. Otherwise, the scheme remains as before. The saving resulting from the shortening of the breakwater will be about equal to the cost of the additional works at the entrances, including the reclamation.

The original scheme would have enclosed a total area of 194 acres of water, and according to the standard adopted by the Consulting Engineers, 166 acres of that area would have been effectively sheltered by the breakwater and additional works. The scheme as now modified will enclose a total area of 169 acres; and according to the same standard, 140 acres of that area will be effectively sheltered. In putting forward the larger scheme originally, with the wider entrances, I stated that 166 acres would be well sheltered. With the narrower entrances, the same area would be sheltered to a much higher degree.

In deciding which of the two schemes recommended by the Consulting Engineers should be adopted, it would appear that only two matters require to be particularly considered, viz., the areas and costs of the schemes. In other respects, the two schemes are equal.

The larger scheme was designed to include the greatest area of water which, having regard merely to the possibilities of the site, could be advantageously included. This area is much in excess of present requirements, and would probably not be fully utilised for a great many years to come.

The area of the smaller scheme is more than sufficient for the accommodation of the present number of small craft, and provides a reasonable margin for a future increase in the number.

With regard to the matter of cost, the smaller scheme has the advantage of being some \$273,000 cheaper than the other.

I may here point out that owing to the natural configuration of the site, the cost of the Boat-Shelter could not be further materially reduced without very materially reducing its area.

I attach three sun-prints from drawings prepared by the Consulting Engineers, showing plans of the alternative schemes, and a cross section of the breakwater which is common to both.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant.

J. F. BOULTON,

Second Assistant

Director of Public Works.

To—The Honourable,

The Director of Public Works.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Amending Ordinance, read a first time in the Legislative Council yesterday, is introduced with the object of bringing the law of the Colony relating to Merchant Shipping into line with the law of England by incorporating in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1899 certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 especially those extending to foreign ships the duties and liabilities at present imposed on British shipping in respect of deck and load line and of life-saving appliances.

Provision is also made for the survey of motor-boats not licensed under the Principal Ordinance.

SEQUEL TO A WEST RIVER COLLISION.

Judgment had been given by Acting Chief Justice Bourne of the Supreme Court for China and Korea, sitting in the Provincial Court at Canton, in the action heard before him in which the owners of the junk *Man Cheong* claimed \$60,000 from the China Steam Navigation Company for the loss of their boat and cargo by collision with the defendants' steamer *Nanchang* in the West River on the 12th November. Mr. Loftus Jones from Shanghai appeared for the plaintiffs on the hearing of the case at Canton on the 8th, 9th, and 10th instant and Mr. Golge of the firm of Johnson, Stokes and Master appeared for the defendants. Judgment was delivered in Shanghai yesterday in favour of the defendants, Captain Archibald sat with the Chief Justice as nautical assessor.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, February 25th.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

THE PEAK MURDER APPEAL.

Judgment on the appeal against the finding of the jury in the Peak murder case on the ground that the evidence had not been translated to the prisoners was delivered by the Full Court. Mr. H. G. Goss, instructed by Mr. R. D. Adkinson (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, and Deacon) appeared for the prisoners, the Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C., Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, appearing as respondent.

The Chief Justice said:—As the procedure under section 78 of No. 9 of 1899 which provided what is the Court of Crown Cases Reserved for the Colony does not require a case to be stated, it is necessary for me to state the circumstances in which the question which has been referred for the opinion of the Court arose. Three men, Kwok Leung, Li Shok Shun and Hung Loi were charged with the murder of Ku Tung. They were Holo men. Some of the evidence for the Crown was given in English, and some in Panti. The prisoners were defended by Mr. Calthrop, and at the conclusion of the case for the prosecution he called evidence, and he also put the three prisoners in the box. One of the English witnesses for the defence, Mr. Holworthy, had given evidence to the effect that the first prisoner, Kwok Leung, was his chair coolie. He said that on the 12th or 13th of the month, he found his chair waiting for him as he had ordered, and there were only three chair coolies, among them Kwok Leung. In cross-examination he said that he asked why the four were there, and that No. 1 prisoner had said there had been a fight, and that that was why the fourth coolie, No. 2 prisoner, was absent. When Kwok Leung was in the box he gave evidence that there had been only three coolies at the time. In cross-examination he said No. 2 prisoner was the missing coolie. He then said in answer to a question put by the Attorney-General that he did not tell his master, Mr. Holworthy, that there had been a fight. Other questions on this point were about to be put by the Attorney-General when it occurred to me that Mr. Holworthy's evidence had not been translated to the prisoners, and I intimated that in the circumstances I did not think that the point ought to be pressed to which the Attorney-General assented. The jury acquitted No. 1, but found the second and third prisoners guilty of manslaughter. Before sentence Mr. Calthrop intimated that some of the evidence, either English or Panti, had not been translated to the prisoners, and moved that the question be reserved for the Full Court as a question of law, whether the conviction ought not to be quashed on the ground that the evidence ought to have been translated, and this is the point on which we are now called upon to give our decision. It is advisable to deal with the question of materiality of the evidence actually admitted but not translated. If No. 1 prisoner had been found guilty, undoubtedly the fact that he had told the truth with regard to No. 2 prisoner would have influenced the jury, and I should have found it extremely difficult not to quash the conviction. We have not, however, to consider whether any part of the evidence which was untranslated was material, and so contributed to the conviction of the other prisoners. Mr. Calthrop had taken the ground that none of the evidence of the Crown was translated, and as the evidence given without cross-examination was, in his view, inadmissible evidence, he raised therefore the abstract question whether a conviction can stand when the prisoners have no knowledge of the evidence given against them. He called it "inadmissible evidence," and strictly, this is the right term to use, though it is not its ordinary use. There is a recent case, *R. v. Hedwin*, where a conviction against several prisoners was quashed on the ground that the others were not allowed to cross-examine one of those who went into the box. Evidence given without cross-examination is, strictly speaking, inadmissible evidence, and scientifically the term is rightly used. There are three at least a priori reasons in favour of Mr. Calthrop's contention. First, the prisoner is always entitled to make a statement, even when he is defended by Counsel, therefore he must know what the evidence against him is. Secondly, now that the prisoner may give evidence, it is more than ever material that he should know the evidence against him in order that he may meet it, and, as we do not assume the prisoner guilty until he is so found, if he does not know it, the truth may be kept back. There may be some part of the evidence for the Crown which he could easily rebut had he known it. If he does not know it he cannot do so. Thirdly, if he does not hear what the witnesses are saying, he cannot assist his counsel in cross-examining them. I confess, that without looking at the authorities, the question presents no difficulties, where the prisoner is not defended by counsel, and the real difficulty arises from the fact that in this case they were defended. But the a priori arguments which there is no need to repeat the first applies whether there is counsel or not. The third is specially concerned with the fact that there is a counsel. The second may in some measure be answered by the fact that the depositions taken before the magistrate have already been translated to the prisoner, and therefore he has notice of what is going to be said in the box at the trial. But this is not conclusive, because it does not apply to new statements which may be made in cross-examination. Moreover, the depositions are not evidence at the trial, and any part of them is specially made evidence, and therefore I think that the a priori reasons in favour of quashing the conviction are very strong. His Lordship, after quoting numerous authorities, proceeded:—None of the cases cited therefore support the Attorney-General's contention that the translation of the evidence to a prisoner who does not understand it, is a mere irregularity in proceedings. On the other hand, the authorities on the other way, and looking at the reason of the thing, I have no hesitation in saying that it is not merely a grave irregularity as could well be imagined, but that it is contrary to those fundamental and elemental principles of justice for which, to use a phrase of one of the old judges, "English administration of justice is so justly famous," and which has made it respected and trusted by the people. The only question which remains, is whether the fact that the prisoners were represented by Counsel makes any difference, for I am clear that in a case where the prisoner was not represented by counsel the conviction in such circumstances must be quashed. But this point is fully covered by the authorities cited by Mr. Calthrop. In *R. v. Bertrand*, the irregularity of reading the depositions taken at the first trial, was acquiesced in by the prisoner's counsel, and not passively

but actively, for he cross-examined the witnesses on these depositions. The question resolved itself into whether any injustice to the prisoner resulted from it, and this is how this question was treated: "It is a mistake, moreover, to consider the question only with reference to the prisoner. The object of a trial is the administration of justice in a course as free from doubt or chance of miscarriage as merely human administration of it can be—not the interests of either party. This remark very much lessens the importance of a prisoner's consent, even when he is advised by counsel, and substantially, not of course literally, affirms the wisdom of the common understanding in the profession that a prisoner can consent to nothing." In *R. v. Moore* the prisoners were represented by counsel, and in the course of the argument Hawkins J. said, "The fact that the prisoner's counsel has taken no objection does not make the evidence admissible." The only case on which the Attorney-General could rely on this point was a remark in *R. v. Yamada* by Erle J. which has some bearing on the relations between counsel and prisoner. The question was whether in a murder case in the year 1854 the Court could assign counsel to defend the prisoner.

What the learned judge said was "I should be very glad if I could do so, but by allowing counsel to appear without any communication with the prisoner, and without his sanction, I might be authorising a defence which the prisoner himself would never have made, and yet for which he might be responsible." I think, if I rightly understand his argument, the Attorney-General desired to draw the inference that a prisoner is responsible for, and therefore bound by, what his counsel does, or leaves undone. So far as what he leaves undone is concerned, the authorities are dead clearly used to the effect that the prisoner is responsible for the work of his counsel, and that the knowledge of the counsel is the knowledge of the client, and that the latter must be taken to have understood the evidence which was in fact apprehended by the former, or alternatively, it might be said that counsel, having been satisfied to let the evidence go untranslated, has waived his client's privilege, and cannot afterwards be allowed to raise an objection. Now, the unsoundness of the first of these propositions sufficiently appears, I think, on mere statement. Counsel has only knowledge of those facts aggregating his clients defence which may have been actually communicated to him. Now points must frequently arise at the hearing, especially on cross-examination which counsel cannot deal with of his own knowledge, and without referring to his client for the facts. It is really impossible that in a case of any magnitude counsel should have as close an acquaintance with the peculiar circumstances of the defence as the prisoner himself. The latter's knowledge must necessarily be more intimate and complete. This matter he so even in an English Court where matters are not usually complicated by differences of language. How much more so when the accused himself and most of the witnesses are Chinese, and not knowing English, and the latter speak a dialect which neither the prisoner himself nor his advocate can understand. The first suggestion therefore falls to the ground. As to the second point of waiver by counsel, I think that if in criminal matters, when the plea is not guilty, the client himself is not competent to bridge, by acquiescence, gaps in the case against him, nor to condone irregularities by consent, then a *fortiori* his counsel can assume no such responsibility for him. It is true that the *quasi* character which the early law attached to mere misdemeanours has occasionally led in their case to slight relaxations of the rule. Thus on a second trial of a charge of manslaughter, the evidence of a witness at the first trial has been by consent of the prisoner, and to save time merely read out by the judge from his notes, and then assented to *en bloc* by the prisoner. But this is an irregularity, and it is necessary, I suppose, to labour the point that if the consent of counsel is not sufficient to bind the prisoner on a trial for misdemeanour when the latter perhaps, if he so expressly desires, binds himself, then on a trial for felony where the prisoner *ex hypothesi* can consent to nothing, the consent of counsel purporting to be given on the prisoner's behalf can be of no avail. I am unfortunately then compelled to the conclusion that there was a grave irregularity running through the whole conduct of the trial; an irregularity which was beyond the competence of the prisoner or of his counsel to waive or condone, and which is sufficiently serious to vitiate the whole proceedings. It necessarily follows that I must hold that there was a miscarriage, and that the conviction should therefore be quashed. I have arrived at this result perhaps by reasoning along somewhat narrow and technical lines, but in a case of this importance it is urgently necessary to keep fundamental principles rigidly in view. On general grounds, however, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the present case, I venture to think my conclusion is based upon the broad principles of justice. For the purposes of the judgment, I have assumed throughout that counsel for the prisoners was consciously aware of the irregularity that was being committed. As a matter of fact, however, I should think it exceedingly unlikely that it came to Mr. Calthrop's notice while the evidence for the Crown was being given that evidence was not being interpreted to his clients. He was entitled to assume, as the Court and the Attorney-General must have assumed, that the proceedings were being regularly conducted, and that everything that the law required would be done. It appears as if the irregularity escaped his notice altogether up to the middle of the case; for the defence, when he very properly reserved the point and took time to consider the suggestion thrown out by the Court. It would clearly be a monstrous thing, if when men were being tried for their lives, the Crown was entitled to reply that it was the duty of counsel to notice earlier what was going on, and that because he had not done so, an objection of such weight must be overruled as coming too late in the proceedings. 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doctrine seems to me to involve a great deal more than the mere corporal presence necessitated by his being given in charge to the jury. I think it goes further and requires an actual mental apprehension of the proceedings, for how, otherwise, would the prisoner know what witnesses to call, or how would he be able to meet the evidence against him in a statement the law allows him to make to the jury? It was indeed almost suggested by the Crown that it is not technically necessary that the prisoner who is in the Court should be able to understand the proceedings, and we were referred to several cases in which deaf mutes had been tried and convicted on an indictment for felony. But no such document can be founded on these cases (quotes). The whole tendency, therefore, of these authorities seems favourable to the prisoners in the case before us. It may be said of course, that a prisoner at sessions who had had the evidence translated to him at the Police Court is well aware of the general tenor of the case against him, and that he may, if he chooses, waive his right to have the evidence interpreted again. The answer is, I think, that while in several cases the rules of evidence may be waived by consent of the parties in a criminal case, these rules are matters *public juris*, and cannot be so dispensed with. On a criminal trial, not merely the single person accused has an interest at stake, but every other subject of the Crown concerned, in seeing that the prisoner is not deprived of life or liberty except under the whole of the safeguards prescribed by law. No acquiescence by the prisoner can therefore be of any effect. If then, it is necessary for an undefended prisoner to hear the evidence at the trial, is there any difference when he is defended by counsel? If there is such a difference, it might perhaps be suggested in one of two ways: either that the prisoner is by the law so identified with the personality of his advocate that the knowledge of the counsel is the knowledge of the client, and that the latter must be taken to have understood the evidence which was in fact apprehended by the former, or alternatively, it might be said that counsel, having been satisfied to let the evidence go untranslated, has waived his client's privilege, and cannot afterwards be allowed to raise an objection. Now, the unsoundness of the first of these propositions sufficiently appears, I think, on mere statement. Counsel has only knowledge of those facts aggregating his clients defence which may have been actually communicated to him. Now points must frequently arise at the hearing, especially on cross-examination which counsel cannot deal with of his own knowledge, and without referring to his client for the facts. 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The Attorney-General—Having regard to your Lordship's decision I have now to say that I intend preferring an indictment on the charge of murder against both prisoners.

The Chief Justice—You are at liberty to do that. The administration of the criminal law is in your hands, and you may instruct the police as you think fit.

Mr. Calthrop asked for the discharge of the prisoners.

The Chief Justice—I have discharged them. Mr. Calthrop stated that in a case recently decided by the Court of Crown Cases Reserved it was held that prisoners could not be re-arrested after their discharge.

The Attorney-General—My friend can argue that when the case comes on for trial. The prisoners were re-arrested leaving Court.

A QUESTION OF DOMESTICS.

Judgment was given in the appeal against the decision of the Chief Justice on the point of jurisdiction raised in the bankruptcy of Chan Yu Shan. Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Otto Keng Sing, appeared for the appellant. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Messrs. d'Almeida and Smith, appeared for respondents. The Chief Justice in the course of his judgment said:—I have given my best consideration to Sir Henry Berkeley's careful and concise little argument on a point which seems still open to argument on my judgment from which he appealed, but I find the conclusion of fact at which I arrived was warranted and that having specially in view the aspect of the bankruptcy jurisdiction which I endeavoured to elucidate, the conclusion of law based on the conclusion of fact was sound. Before giving judgment a few days ago, however, the attention of the Court was drawn to ordinance 6 of 1902, which apparently had been overlooked by all of us. Our attention was properly taken official cognizance of the law of the Colony, and solicitors, being officers of the Court are bound to assist the Court in the performance of this duty, which, in the case of a Colonial Statute book is often a difficult one. We therefore deferred our judgment in order to see whether this Ordinance has any bearing on the question before us, so as to induce us to alter our judgment. It provides that the word "debtor" as used in section three of the Bankruptcy Ordinance as revised, section 4 as it was then, is included "a person who, though not himself personally within the Colony, carries on business by an agent within the Colony and possesses assets therein," and there is a further explanation of the definition which I shall refer to presently. Now if in this case, the debtor had still remained in Annam, merely sending up his cinnamon to his agent the Kwang Mow, in this Colony, for sale, he would have come within the meaning of this definition. *A fortiori* he would have come within the bankruptcy jurisdiction when, instead of remaining in Annam he comes himself to the Colony to take some part in the transaction of his business. But I do not base my decision on that ground, because I believe that consistently with the fundamental principles of jurisdiction as I have explained them, and consistently with the remarks I have already made, and must presently make, on the extraterritorial provisions of the colonial bankruptcy law, this debtor is properly subject to that law. As I have endeavoured to explain it, I have not held that he is clearly within it, but having given the matter very careful consideration I use the word "properly" advisedly. This really disposes of the case before us, but the question I have now in my mind is whether this Ordinance 6 of 1902, having been referred to, I might not go further, and express my opinion in it upon the larger question which is involved in it. This ordinance is most frankly extraterritorial, and therefore it has become necessary to consider the question definitely. I am glad I have done so, because the conclusion which I have come to is a surprise to myself, and has upset my own preconceived notions on this important question of colonial constitutional law. I must in the first place criticise ordinance 6 of 1902 as a most unsatisfactory piece of draftsmanship. Continuing, his Lordship said it included a definition of "debtor" which already included two definitions as conditions preliminary to the presentation of a bankruptcy petition. The clause not having been repealed there were therefore two redundant provisions, and he was not quite sure that that might not cause some confusion. Proceeding his Lordship said:—The principle that a Colonial Legislature can only legislate territorially is in the case of a Crown Colony, limited therefore to this, that if it is passed in the absence of special instructions from Home it is the duty of the Attorney-General to call the attention of the Colonial Office to the point in his explanatory report, and the Secretary of State as the constitutional adviser of the Sovereign will advise the King whether to disallow the ordinance or not. I am bound to assume, although I consider the ordinance 6 of 1902 to be defective in point of form and much in need of amendment, that the question has been duly considered at home. For all these reasons I am of opinion that all the extraterritorial provisions of the bankruptcy law of the Colony, including No 6 of 1902, are *infra vires*. The Paines Judge concurred.

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HANNAN WICKING,
the Executrix of HARRY WICKING, Deceased,
by her Attorney
MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS,
W. CLEMENT DREW,
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THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

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The word "GRANDASIA" surmounting a figure of a woman draped in a flowing garment, with a bird on her head sitting on a throne with the sun at her back between two elephants' heads with her right arm resting on one hand holding a wreath, her left arm resting on the back of the throne and holding a branch of a tree at her left side is a cornucopia the whole standing on a carpet in front of her are two sitting figures holding each a fan on either side of a fancy lectern; on the right side are a dragon a temple and eight figures; one leading a tiger, on the left side are two figures two boats on some water two houses a pagoda shrine and a dragon.

The Trade Mark is intended to be used by the Applicants forthwith in respect of the following goods in the following class:—"TOBACCO IN CLASS 45."

A facsimile of such Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and of the Undersigned.

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The words "THE ORIENT TOBACCO MANUFACTURING" in Roman and Chinese Characters and the name "C. INGENOHL" the whole being surrounded by a fancy border.

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The representation of a woman from her waist upwards dressed in beads sitting in a chair her left arm holding the arm of the chair, the representation of a bird on her head; the whole being surrounded by a fancy border in which are the words "GRANDASIA" at the top and "THE ORIENT TOBACCO MANUFACTURING VICTORIA" at the bottom written in Roman characters and the equivalent thereof in Chinese characters at the side and the letters "C. I." in each corner.

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The Chinese characters 東方煙廠 meaning the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing, printed in a label horizontally in red in the centre of other printed words in English and Chinese descriptive of the goods to which such label is applied and the Manufacturers thereof, being the Applicants in the name of THE ORIENT TOBACCO MANUFACTURING CO. INGENOHL who claim to be the sole proprietors thereof.

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(1) A Stag standing under a tree upon a ledge of rock looking out to sea. In the background are mountains and the whole is surrounded by a fancy border.

(2) Two Musk-deer standing in a field having a ridge of hills in the background the whole being surrounded by a fancy border.

The Trade Mark is intended to be used by the Applicants in respect of the following goods:—SOAP AND PERFUMERY.

Facsimiles of such Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and of the Undersigned.

Dated the 23rd day of February, 1909.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBROUGH, AND LONDON.

The Steamship "GLAMORGANSHIRE" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at THEIR RISK into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s, hazardous and or extra hazardous Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 4th March, 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 9 a.m., TO MORROW.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [387]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at consignees' risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and restored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th March, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd March, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [385]

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L. GIBBS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [356]

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [381]

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H. L. O. GARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [372]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO. LTD., of Exchange Chambers 24 and 28 St. Mary Axe in the City of London, England, have on the 18th day of December, 1903, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following Trade Mark:

The Representation of A SHELL in the name of THE ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO. LTD., who claim to be the Sole Proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the Applicants in respect of the following Goods in the following Class 47:—MOTOR CAR SPIRIT, LUBRICATING OILS, PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND KEROSENE.

A facsimile of such Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and of the Undersigned.

Dated the 30th day of December, 1903.

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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INDIA LINEN, INDIA NAINSOOK

INDIA MADAPOLAM, INDIA

LONGCLOTH AND INDIA MUSLIN.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,
No. 14, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [41]

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THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at its Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (FRIDAY), the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.

2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the First day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 25th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 27th February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 23rd of February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [334]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m. TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 27th inst. to receive Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Reports of the General Managers. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th inst. to the 27th inst. both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th February to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
C. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [335]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 9th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [357]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1908, at the rate of Two Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per Share of \$25 is Payable on and after MONDAY the 22nd day of February, Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [370]

HONGKONG & WHARF DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 Per Cent. per Share for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1908, DECLARED at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be payable at the premises of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd day of February, Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [371]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4782-157229/157236-8 Shares in name of ETHEL NEWTON TREBE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, as produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [271]

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J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent,
Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. [25]

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A. KOEHN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from W. E. CLARKE, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

ON TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 26th February, 1909, at 2 P.M., within his Residence, "ADELPHI," The Peak, SUNDAY.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

Silk Tapestry-Covered DRAWING ROOM SUITE, an Assortment of CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGON, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIL MATTRESSES, TRAKWOOD WARDROBES and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, CARPETS, RUGS, GLASS CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, PICTURES, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c.

Also One IRON SAFE by Milners, One SEMI-GRAND PIANO by Hanks and One TENNIS NET and POLES, &c., &c.

On View on THURSDAY, the 25th instant. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [358]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

AT MESSRS. JAY'S LIMITED,

ON TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 27th February, 1909, commencing at 10.30 A.M.

SUMMER DRESSES, HATS, TRIMMINGS, VELVET, GLOVES, CORSETS, VELVET, PLAID RIBBON, BELTS, SILK BRAIDS, WHITE ALPACA, APPLIQUE AIGRETTES, FLOWERS, GREEN LEAVES, &c., &c.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [352]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On MONDAY,

the 1st March, 1909, at 11 A.M., at No. 12, Wyndham Street,

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, THEREIN CONTAINED, comprising—

TEAKWOOD HATSTAND with BEVELLED GLASS, Silk Tapestry-Covered DRAWING ROOM SUITE, OVERMANTLES with GLASS, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and MOROCCO COVERED DINING ROOM CHAIRS, DOUBLE and SINGLE BRASS and BRASSMOUNTED IRON BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, MARBLE-TOP SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGON, GLASS CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, TEAKWOOD BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, ENGRAVINGS, BRUSSELS CARPETS, ELECTRIC CHANDELIERS, &c., &c.

Quantity of PLANTS in POTS. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [383]

ENTERTAINMENT

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THE LADY OF OSTEND. Sir Charles Burnand's Masterpiece.

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [344]

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PRIMITIVE MAN.

THE VERY OLDEST DRAWINGS.

The Dordogne Valley in Central France may well be styled the oldest picture gallery in the world, for from the caves in the hills of the valley have come the astonishing series of drawings made by the pre-historic inhabitants of that region. The artistic skill of the men of the Reindeer period is so astonishing that at first the drawings on bone and schist were received with scepticism. They depicted with astonishing truth the animals which were contemporary with them—the mammoth, the cave bear, the reindeer, and the horse. The breed of horses was of small stature, with abnormally large heads, and probably survives in the Shetland and Iceland ponies. That the horse was hunted and killed for food is proved first by drawings of the hunter chasing the wild horse, and next by the discovery at Solutre, near Mecon, of a huge deposit of the bones of probably a hundred thousand horses. The drawings of animals are so accurate that they can clearly be identified, but there was considerable hesitation in accepting them as really drawings of men—chiefly on account of their remarkable Simian-like appearance, resembling gibbons rather than human beings. A discovery has now been made which goes far to settle the question, and to establish the accuracy of the work of the very ancient artists.

In a cave at Chapelle-aux-Saints, in the Dordogne Valley, a most important find was made by M. Marcellin Boule, the well-known French anthropologist. On August 3 of last year there was discovered an almost complete human skeleton lying on its back with the head to the East. The right arm was bent so that the hand lay towards the body, and the left slightly extended—there was no approach to the crouching or sleep burial of prehistoric Egypt. That it was not a chance or accidental deposit is shown by fragments of the hind hoof of some large bovine being placed near the body. That the cave had been inhabited is clearly shown by the number of paleolithic implements found in it—this would not prevent a burial, for we know that primitive men often bury their dead very near, and in later times under the floor of their huts. The notice of this important discovery excited considerable interest, and now that the discoverer has given a detailed description of the skeleton before the Academy of Sciences in Paris we can see how important a find has been made. The remains are those of an aged male, as shown by the teeth; of short stature, that is five feet two inches in height slightly below the average of the Neander man. The cranium is abnormally large in proportion to the height. The skull is of the dolichocephalic, or "long-headed" type, the bones thick and flattened, the bone ridges over the eyebrows are abnormally large more so than in the Neander skull. The projection of the lower jaw is more remarkable, giving to the whole a most snout-like appearance, approaching nearer to the ape type than any yet found. Taken as a whole it is perfectly possible to recognise in this specimen the man who formed the models for the artists of the caves of the Dordogne Valley. The other portions of the skeleton confirm this opinion; the long arms and short legs seem to indicate the semi-erect attitude depicted in these drawings. It is clear, then, that these ancient artists are as accurate in depicting their own people as they are in furnishing us with a zoological picture gallery.

The remarkable simian-like character of this and other specimens—as well as the still more marked resemblance in the monkey-like Ethioanthropus of Java—raises the question of the evolution of man from the anthropoids. We may be one step nearer the completion of the chain, but there are still many links missing. We have two great obstacles to the direct association of even these ape-like man with even the highest type of anthropoid. Primitive man, as we learn his story from the caves of the Dordogne Valley, possessed two accomplishments which separated him from the anthropoids. Man is a tool-making animal. The ape may throw stones, he may walk with a stick, but he has not the instinct to shape that stone into an axe, and fasten it to the stick, and provide himself with a useful tool, or a formidable weapon. The ape may live in caves and rock shelters, he is able to adapt himself to his environment. Man goes a step farther. He deepens or prepares his cave, he generally makes himself comfortable by altering things to suit himself—in fact, he adapts his environment to himself—by the use of tools. Now tools, even if they were of the more palaeolithic type, were found in the cave at Chapelle-aux-Saints. The second barrier is that of the graphic instinct. They could draw, as we have seen, with skill tolerably surprising, the pictures of themselves and the animals with whom they were associated. As yet we have not found an anthropoid who could draw, or had the slightest idea of doing so. Even the most advanced Simian, Consul, who tried, could not copy a simple geometrical figure on a slate. The importance of this new discovery is, indeed, very great, as we now can form an opinion of the mental capacity of these very old masters.—The Globe.

COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY.

A NEW PLATE.

It is now 18 months since the brothers Lumiere, of Lyons, provided photographers with a plate which allowed them, by a skilful adaptation of the three-colour process, to obtain transparencies in all the colours of nature by a single operation. Since that time inventors have been busy with processes on similar lines—"screen plate" methods, as they are called—and many ingenious devices have secured protection; but commercially the Autochrome has had no "single-plate" competitor.

Last month, however, a new plate, the "Omnicolor," Messrs. Jougle, was put on the French market and has aroused great attention there. In the Autochrome the glass is coated with a layer of particles of dyed starch, embedded in a transparent varnish, and the sensitive coloring is applied on the top of this. In the Omnicolor the glass is furnished with a network of fine lines, violet in one direction, green and red alternately in the other. Some 230 of these lines go to the inch. The sensitive emulsion, which has a gelatine basis, is coated on the top of this, and exposure, as in the case of the Autochrome, is made through the glass. In rapidity the new plate is decidedly faster than the Autochrome, and in good summer light we are promised exposures of a fifth of a second or less. The manipulations are reduced to three development, reversal, and fixing, and are simple and straightforward in character. The finished result reproduces the colours of the subject with great brilliancy and fidelity, the fine lines forming the image being much less noticeable than those of the ordinary half-tone block.

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CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

EDEN WHERE EVEN HUMAN BEINGS ARE TRUSTED.

Dr. C. W. Andrews, F.R.S., of the Natural History Museum, who recently returned to England from a scientific visit to Christmas Island, which lies in the Indian Ocean about 200 miles south of Java, has a remarkably interesting story to tell of that lonely outpost of civilisation says a London paper.

Dr. Andrews paid the island a previous visit ten years ago. The object of his recent trip was to study the effect of man's invasion on the fauna and flora of the island.

"When I went out there in 1897 it was one of the few remaining oceanic islands which had never been explored scientifically," said the Doctor to an "Express" representative yesterday. "A few months before I arrived several woodcutters from the Cocos Islands had landed there. Up to then it had been uninhabited by man. It has an area of forty square miles.

"There is now a population of 1,500, chiefly Chinese coolies working the deposits of phosphate of lime for an English firm.

"When I first visited it, I found extreme difficulty in getting about owing to the thick jungle that covered it. I could find no water courses, although since that time many streams have been discovered.

"I found that the land birds were not numerous; but there were seven species peculiar to the island. These were a thrush, something like our common thrush; a beautiful blue pigeon, another pigeon with a great back and chestnut breast; a fine hawk, a small swift, and an owl, the cry of which resembled the bark of a terrier.

"The sea-birds, however, were abundant, and during my first visit were my chief source of food. There were two sorts of frigate birds, and several kinds of gannet, but the most interesting of all was a beautiful golden-yellow tropic bird, with a very long and slender pointed tail consisting of two feathers.

DANGEROUS CURIOSITY.

But curiosity is just as dangerous in this little Eden as it was in the old one, for Dr. Andrews continued—

"The few inhabitants at that date had already discovered a method of bird-catching by playing on the curiosity of creatures that had never before seen a human being. A man would climb a high tree so that he stood well out at the top of it. He would carry a red rag in one hand and a long stick in the other. Waving the rag he would draw the birds swooping towards it full of curiosity only to be knocked down by the stick.

"We also ate pigeons captured in a still more interesting way. If a man saw a pigeon up a tree he would take a stick with a loop of string on the end of it, climb the tree, drop the loop over the bird's head, and jerk it. Other pigeons near would not fly away, but remaining in wonder as to what had happened to their companion, the same thing would suddenly happen to themselves.

"There were five distinct mammals peculiar to the island. Two active rats swarmed in myriads, food being plentiful, and enemies none at all. These rats were vegetarian, living on fruit and bark, and they came out at dusk after dusk, often running over us in bed, and sometimes nibbling our feet and boots. They could climb trees as well as squirrels, running up the hanging creepers in search of food in the tree tops. They were absolutely without fear, and they could be easily hit with a stick.

"Another peculiar mammal was a fruit bat, which, with wings distended, measured nearly two feet across. Unlike most bats, this specimen flew and ate during the sunshine, as well as by night. There was also a small insectivorous bat and a little shrew.

"An interesting fact about the trees was that the soil not being very deep in some places, many of them had developed great buttresses round the base of the trunk to help support them.

"The plants were mostly such as have sticky seeds, that would enable them to be carried by birds, wind seeds, that can be blown long distances, and floating seeds, that can remain for a long time in salt water without taking harm.

RETURN VISIT.

"I found the island on my second visit not greatly altered through ten years' habitation by man. The most peculiar thing that had happened since I was there before was that the two species of rats which were so numerous had apparently become entirely extinct. This seemed to have been the result of the introduction of some epidemic disease by rats from the ships calling at the island.

"It was probably some disease that would not hurt the ship rats at all, but the island rats, to whom it would be quite new, were unable to resist its ravages. The ship rats that landed are now beginning to spread rapidly, and in some parts they are very numerous.

"The settlers have introduced cats in the island, and some of these are taking to the bush, where, reverting to a wild state, they will probably become a great nuisance.

"Ten years of man's neighbourhood have apparently made no difference in the stupidity of the birds. They are just as easily captured by the simple methods I have described. The pigeons are now strictly preserved during the breeding season, however, and only a limited number are allowed to be taken at other times. Apparently the little shrew has become extinct like the rats, perhaps from the same cause.

"The only difference in the flora of the island is that the papia, a sort of melon which has been introduced, and whose seeds have been thrown down by the settlers, is now to be found growing indiscriminately in all parts, while the chilies which the Chinamen use with their rice are spreading in the same way.

In cultivated corners of the island the inhabitants are growing English roses, which are very good to see in so remote and lonely a place. In the gardens, too, limes, pomegranates, tamarisks, custard apples, and other fruits have been introduced.

"The island is now under the Straits Settlements Government. It has a district officer as magistrate, and a body of about twenty Sikh policemen."

THE HERBERT WITHERS COMPANY.

The members of the Herbert Withers Company, which has just completed a triumphal season of eight weeks in India and is now journeying towards China and America, form the second of the Charles Harrison Gibbon musical parties, composed exclusively of celebrities in the art world, to go round the planet. The first was that of last year headed by Madame Albani, and including also Mr. William Green, tenor; Mr. Haydn Wood, solo violinist; Miss Myrtle Mergers, solo pianist; and Mr. Theodore Flint, pianist accompanist. The Indian Press unanimously rates the present season's troupe as superior to last year's. Mr. Withers in particular has won golden opinions, his art being very closely allied to great musical genius. The London Times has endorsed him as "foremost among the cellists of his generation," and while this is high praise indeed, the Times is not of the list of papers that bestow superlative praise promiscuously. Madame Sobrin is a sterling favourite in opera, a popular prima donna of Covent Garden, and a singer much in demand for the larger European and American festivals, and for concerts of the first order. She scored a memorable success about five years ago in a revival of the "Ring" in London. Although her name is thus particularly associated with the Wagnerian music drama, for which she studied at Bayreuth, she is equally popular and capable in concert work. Miss Elzy, the solo pianist, is a domestic life Miss Withers, and is an artist of peculiarly delicate charm. Mr. Charles Bonnett, the baritone, is an American by birth, but a Continental by education and celebrity. He is an authoritative, scholarly artist, with a fine repertoire of classics and lighter songs. The company's programmes contain good music exclusively, but good popular music in proportion equal to the classics. They are to give three performances in Hongkong—on March 8th, 9th and 10th.

GERMANY'S INVESTMENTS ABROAD.

Speaking in the Reichstag on November 19, last month Prince von Bismarck said: "We have become rich; but we must become still richer in view of our economic and political position in the world. In olden times and down to our days wealth has always been a means of strength, and this will be still more the case with every decade, for with every decade the economic and financial relations and interdependence conditions will become of greater importance in international relations and in the grouping of the Powers. The financial position is quite as important as the military position. In spite of our history of old we are the youngest among the Great Powers, at least in Western Europe; we appeared late, very late on the battlefield. When we appeared we stood sorely in need of one thing, and that was, we had to develop ourselves quickly."

Prof. von Schulze-Gaevernitz took these words as his text for two long leading articles in the *Kleinzeitung* with regard to the financial situation of Germany, and he says at once: "Germany needs a rapid increase in the people's wealth." He gives a list of eighteen big undertakings, which German money has established abroad in both hemispheres. Unlike these English economists who view with complacency the large volume of English money, which, and especially of late, has found openings abroad, Prof. von Schulze-Gaevernitz says that German capital sent abroad for foreign enterprises, which are managed by foreigners, is lost to Germany in many respects, seeing that such undertakings benefit the particular foreign country and make it strong politically, and at the best only such orders are sent to Germany as happen to be left over. Therefore the Professor appeals for German money to be kept at home, so that it can be used in establishing undertakings on German soil.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & A. str. *Alesia* sailed from Moji on the 25th inst. a.m., and is due to arrive at this port on the 1st prox. afternoon.

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TO LET.

NOS. 3 & 5, LYEMOON VILLAS, Kowloon. Electric Light installed. Apply to—LEO D'ALMADA & CASTRO, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [272]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"FUNG-SHUI," 121, PLANTATION ROAD, THE PEAK. Drawing and Dining Rooms, Three Large and One Small Bedrooms, Dressing and Bath Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen and Laundry, Servants' Quarters, Poultry House, Large Vegetable Garden, Flower Garden, and Lawn. Apply to—JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, 8, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [110]

TO LET.

NO. 47, CAINE ROAD (next to Forest Lodge). Suitable for a Boarding House, School, College or Family Residence. Recently painted and renovated throughout. Immediate Possession. Apply to—CHATER & MODY, Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [248]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in RYON TERRACE, No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor. "SHATTERLIGHT," Conduit Road. OFFICES in YORK BUILDING, GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vaux Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL. FLATS in MORETON TERRACE. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [97]

TO LET.

THE FURNISHED FLAT on Top Floor of Messrs. DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.'s OFFICES, Four Rooms with Kitchen and Bath Room. Terms on application to—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., No. 1, Douglas Street, Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [221]

TO LET.

NO. 3, ORMSBY VILLAS, KOWLOON. No. 8, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon. Cheap Rental. Apply to—SPANISH DOMINICAN PROCURATION, Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [220]

TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Park Ground. A 6-ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished at the Peak. Part of fully FURNISHED HOUSE at PEAK for 2 or 3 months from 1st May, 1909. Moderate Rental. C.M.S. PEAK BUNGALOW, furnished, Mount Kellett, from 1st April to end of June, 1909. BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms. No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First & 2nd Floors, (over Caldwell MacGregor). OFFICES in Queen's Road Central. BRILLIANT TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD. A GODOWN in Duddell Street. Apply to—LINDSEY & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 6th February, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

GODOWNS, Nos. 95, 96 and 97, PRAYA EAST. Apply to—CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [264]

TO LET.

FROM 1st MAY.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 43, Yauwatti, Area 85,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c. Apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD., Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. [103]

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply to—SECRETARY, A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

TO LET.

GOOD OFFICES at No. 2, PRIDDER STREET. Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [194]

TO LET.

NO. 77, WYNDHAM STREET, 1st Floor. Two Rooms with Bath Room and Kitchen. Full View of Harbour. Apply Within. Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [364]

TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession. A PORTION OF THE COMPOUND of Marine Lot, No. 42, Wanchai, Praya East. Apply to—N. MODY & CO., Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [107]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW for one or two years. Apply to—DENNY & BOWLEY, Hongkong, 25th January, 1909. [219]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

THE "GROVE," MACDONNELL ROAD, from the 15th of March, 1909, for 12 months. Unfurnished—Nos. 8 and 10, WYNDHAM STREET, containing 6 Large Rooms each. Can be let together or separately. No. 1, STEWART TERRACE, The Peak. Fully Furnished 5 Rooms with Immediate Possession. Apply to—Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [213]

TO LET.

UP-TO-DATE HOUSES in HUMPHREYS AVENUE, Kowloon, with Gardens at entrance. Apply to—TAM TSZ KONG, 42, Bonham Strand West, or HUNG CHONG, 50, Elgin Road, Kowloon Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [299]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [98]

TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM in Prince's Building Second Floor. Apply to—REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [263]

STORAGE.

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LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DELTA	Noon, 6th March	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP	NORE	About 10th March	Freight and Passage.
ANG, COLOMBO PORT	SAID and MARSEILLES	March	

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, CEBU, ILOILO, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK-TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 26th Febr., D'light
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 1st March Noon.
SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"SHANTUNG"	On 1st March, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 2nd March, 3 P.M.
NEWCHWANG	"NANCHANG"	On 2nd March, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 10th March, 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and AUSTRALIA	"CHANGSHA"	On 8th April, 4 P.M.

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"HAIKUN"	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 28th Febr., at 10 A.M.
"HAITAN"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1909.

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AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
* TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"JOSHIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 28th Febr., at 9 A.M.
* AMOY	"SHOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 3rd March, at 8 A.M.
* ANPING VIA SWATOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 4th March, at Daylight

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"HANGSANG"	Friday, 26th Febr., Noon.
* TIENTSIN	"CHUPHSANG"	Saturday, 27th Febr., Noon
* MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Monday, 1st March, 4 P.M.
* SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUPSANG"	Tuesday, 2nd March, Noon.
* TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW	"CHEONGSHING"	Tuesday, 2nd March, Noon.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Saturday, 6th March, Noon.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1909.

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EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI. RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD., ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOK. SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. GOTHENBURG.

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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAYRE and COPENHAGEN	"YEDDO"	On 27th February.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	AWA MARU Capt. A. Keith	6309	WEDNESDAY, 3rd March, at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. C. H. Butler	6134	WEDNESDAY, 17th March, at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KAGA MARU Capt. M. Hagino	6301	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	TOSA MARU Capt. T. Harrison	5927	TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon
EMBAY via SINGAPORE (and COLOMBO)	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	5539	FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU Capt. Fred. Pyne	5068	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Daylight
	MOYORI MARU Capt. J. C. Richards	3265	THURSDAY, 4th March, at Daylight
	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. Wm. Wade	6126	SATURDAY, 6th March, at Daylight
	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	WEDNESDAY, 17th March, at Noon

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T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1909.

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S.S. BELGAVIA ... 20th March	For ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:
S.S. BELGAVIA ... 31st March	S.S. WESTPHALIA 9th March.
S.S. SILESIA ... 12th April	For HAYRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SUEVIA ... 18th April	S.S. SAXONIA 13th March.
S.S. SCANDIA ... 27th April	For ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:
S.S. SENEGAMBIA ... 10th May	S.S. DORTMUND 22nd March.
S.S. SEGOVIA ... 17th May	For HAYRE & HAMBURG:
	S.S. JLLYRIA ... 5th April.

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Hongkong Office.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1909.

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TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of March	JAPAN	First half of March
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TJIMAHU	JAVA	First half of March	AMOY	Second half of March
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of March	SHANGHAI	Second half of March
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of March	JAPAN	First half of April
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of April	SHANGHAI	First half of April

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Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.

5th March	at 7.45 a.m.
12th March	at 11.45 a.m.
18th March	at 8.15 p.m.
26th March	at 11.45 a.m.
1st April	at 8.15 p.m.

The Kieit, with the German mail of the 27th January, left Singapore on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-day p.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Swatow and Shanghai	Hongkong	Friday, 26th, 11.00 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Singapore	Friday, 26th, 11.00 a.m.
Quang Chow Wai, Hoihow, Pakoi and Haiphong	Hongkong	Friday, 26th, 11.00 a.m.
Manila	Sul Tai	Friday, 26th, 1.15 p.m.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle	Taiwan	Friday, 26th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Shanghai	Friday, 26th, 3.00 p.m.
Haiphong	Haiphong	Friday, 26th, 5.00 p.m.
Manila, Iloilo, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Singapore, Herbertshoe, Singapore, Samara, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand and Dunedin	Manila	Saturday, 27th, 9.00 a.m.
Tientsin	Chipsing	Saturday, 27th, 10.00 a.m.
Manila	Zafro	Saturday, 27th, 11.00 a.m.
Manila	Sul Tai	Saturday, 27th, 1.15 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Saturday, 27th, 2.00 p.m.
Mo-i	Fukai Maru	Saturday, 27th, 3.00 p.m.
Hongkong	Binhthuan	Saturday, 27th, 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Chenai	Saturday, 27th, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Glamorganshire	Saturday, 27th, 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Yokohama	Hainan	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 a.m.
Cebu and Iloilo	Kaifong	Monday, 1st, 11.00 a.m.
Samarang and Sourabaya	Shantung	Monday, 1st, 3.00 p.m.
Manila	Yensang	Monday, 1st, 3.00 p.m.

FINEST OREGON APPLES

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WINE AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.

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TO-DAY.
Extraordinary Meeting, Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.
Sale, Valuable Household Furniture, Abell, gerde, Messrs. Hughes & Hongli, 2 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Stock-in-Trade, Messrs. Jay's Ltd., Mr. Geo. P. Lummet, 10.30 a.m.
25th Ordinary Annual Meeting, Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., noon.
28th Ordinary Annual Meeting, Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

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EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

February 25th

ON LONDON:	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/9
Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
ON PARIS:	
Bank Bills, on demand	219 1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	223 1/2
ON GERMANY:	
On demand	178
ON NEW YORK:	
Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	43 1/2
ON BOMBAY:	
Telegraphic Transfer	130 1/2
Bank, on demand	131 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:	
Telegraphic Transfer	130 1/2
Bank, on demand	131 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:	
Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Trieste, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:	
On demand	84 1/2
ON MANILA:	
On demand	85 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:	
On demand	74 1/2
ON BATAVIA:	
On demand	104 1/2
ON HAIPHONG:	
On demand	154 1/2
ON SAIGON:	
On demand	15 1/2
ON BANGKOK:	
On demand	88
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.35
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$59.80
BAR SILVER, per oz.	23 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$7.96 discount
Chinese	10	\$8.30
Hongkong	20	\$7.00
Hongkong	10	\$7.40

OPIUM.

February 25th.

Quotations are—	
Malwa New	\$1,070/90 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$1,100/1,120
Malwa Older	\$1,130/1,150
Malwa V. Old	\$1,160/1,180
Persian fine quality	\$1,020
Persian extra fine	\$880
Patna New	\$1,050 per chest.
Patna Old	\$1,080
Benares New	\$1,000
Benares Old	—

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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASE.
Alhambra, Limited	300	\$500	\$50	Nominal
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$875, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$51, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,604	\$12/6	12/6	\$9, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$113, buyers
China Light and Power Company	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$44, buyers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.20, buyers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 105.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$94, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 74.
Laou-Kung-Mow C. Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 76.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 272.
Dairy Farm Company	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$14, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co.	60,000	\$50	all	\$47, sal. & buy.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$87 1/2, sal.
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	\$63	\$94, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 83.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 167, buyers
Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.50, sal. & buy.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$200, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$183, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$90, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$220, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation)	10,000	\$100	\$100	Nominal
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$25.
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$260	\$50	\$130, sellers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$106.
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$23.33	\$25	\$97, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$332, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 100.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$825.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$132, buyers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	100	\$94, buyers
Hampshire's Estate and Finance Co.	150,000	\$10	all	\$8.65, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$30.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
MINING.—				
Societe Francaise des Charbons du Tonkin	15,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$600, buyers
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	18/10	\$84, sales
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$14.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$2.
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	67,500	\$10	\$10	\$8, sellers
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$132, buyers
Luxon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17.
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$59, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$34, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$29, sal. & buy.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$5	all	\$138, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$1, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$24.
South China Morning Post	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$15.
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, sellers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000	\$7	\$7	\$3.
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$24, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	175	\$100	\$100	\$140.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000 fms	\$10	\$10	\$4.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fms	\$10	\$10	\$230.
	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.			
Hongkong Observatory, February 25th.			
Previous Day, at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 p.m.
Barometer	29.88	29.97	29.86
Thermometer	62	67	66
Humidity	95	95	95
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	4	3	2
Weather	od	of	of
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on 24th.....84
Lowest open air temperature on 24th.....59

INSURANCES

THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 13th August 1906. [28]

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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1907 £18,114,624.

Authorized Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital 2,750,000
Paid-up Capital 267,500 0 0
II. Fire Funds 3,065,374 15 7

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1908. [1019]

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larger scale.

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [716]

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MONTROSE"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Febr., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 19th Mar., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th Febr., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [353]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBROUGH,

LONDON, COLOMBO AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE,"

Capt. G. C. Cundy, R.N.R., having arrived from the

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risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,

Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and

expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 26th inst., at 3 p.m.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [32]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENVENUE"

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP,